

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Filed: January 29, 2002

Title: *CLEANING COMPOSITIONS*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend this application as follows herein.

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 characterised in that the dry granulation process comprises blending ingredients of the granular composition in a mixer followed by roller compaction of the mixture so produced.
4. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 characterised in that the roller pressure during roller compacting is in the range 8 to 25 MPa.
5. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 characterised in that the granules are screened to a size in the range 500 to 3000 μm .

Please refer to the attached Appendix for changes made to the above claims.

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Please add the following new Claims 48-50:

--48. (New) A process according to claim 2 characterised in that the dry granulation process comprises blending ingredients of the granular composition in a mixer followed by roller compaction of the mixture so produced.

49. (New) A process according to claim 2 characterised in that the roller pressure during roller compacting is in the range 8 to 25 MPa.

50. (New) A process according to claim 2 characterised in that the granules are screened to a size in the range 500 to 3000 μm --

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REMARKS

The present amendment amends Claims 3, 4 and 5 to remove multiple dependencies from the claims. New claims 48, 49 and 50 have been added to include the claims originally incorporated into multiple dependent Claims 3, 4 and 5. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Appendix

APPENDIX: VERSION TO SHOWS CHANGES MADE TO APPLICATION

In the Claims

The claims were amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 [or 2] characterised in that the dry granulation process comprises blending ingredients of the granular composition in a mixer followed by roller compaction of the mixture so produced.
4. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 [or 2] characterised in that the roller pressure during roller compacting is in the range 8 to 25 MPa.
5. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 [or 2] characterised in that the granules are screened to a size in the range 500 to 3000 μm .

Claims 48, 49 and 50 have been added.